

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-14 are allowed, and claims 15-30 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

Accordingly, to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended the claims 15, 16, 25, 26, 29, and 30 to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. In addition, all pending claims have been amended to conform to current U.S. patent practice, including removing reference numerals, correcting one or more informalities, and/or replacing European-style claim phraseology with U.S.-style claim language, without addressing any issues of patentability.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is an additional fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141270.

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Respectfully submitted,

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